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Dear Mr. Backes,

Thanks for your letter and the caution I've been getting for probably longer than you are alive, about my typos. I try to do more than I can and sometimes rush too much. But I'm sure you knew I was referring to my wife. I am the "wide" in this family!

I'm glad to get your description of what Tom Wilson went into. I had a newspaper account I was sent. I have a very real problem with what he said because I believe some of it is certainly incorrect, his saying there was another back wound. I see too much on TV of what can be done with computers not to believe that mistakes can yield the sensational.

I suggest that before you make any considerable investment you do all you can to check all he said that can be checked. We do not want to lose our balance just because it seems to be impressive confirmation of what so many so long have wanted established.

after how many mistakes, if there are more, can his work be depended upon?

I am familiar with the educational institution I believe is represented by the ~~int~~ initials you use, RPI, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Had a great reputation more than a half-century ago.

If you see any news stories on the coming Stone movie, or reviews, I'd appreciate copies for the historical record.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg

